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Dear Sirs

Patents Act 1977: Search Report under Section 17(5)

I enclose two copies of my search report and a copy of the citations. As there will be some delay before I can obtain the foreign language source documents only the abstracts have been sent to you at this time. I will forward the full documents as soon as possible.

Plurality of invention

I consider that your application relates to more than one invention as follows:

- ♦ The invention as set out in independent claim 1 concerning the use of a smoothing capacitor with the known motor construction;
- ♦ The invention as set out in independent claim 3 concerning distinguishing the brush holders so as to ensure correct mounting in the end frame bracket; *and*
- ♦ The invention as set out in independent claim 5 concerning means for securing the brush holders in the end frame bracket.

My search report relates to the first invention only. If you want any of the other inventions searched, you should file a separate Patents Form 9/77 for each invention.

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I estimate that, provided you have met all formal requirements, preparations for publication of your application will be completed soon after **27 December 2000**. You will then receive a letter informing you of completion and telling you the publication number and date of publication.

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If you wish to file amended claims for inclusion with the published application, or to withdraw the application to prevent publication, you must do so before the preparations for publication are completed. **No reminder will be issued.** If you write to the Office less than 3 weeks before the above completion date, please mark your letter prominently: **"URGENT - PUBLICATION IMMINENT"**.

Yours faithfully

John Cockitt
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Databases searched:

UK Patent Office collections, including GB, EP, WO & US patent specifications, in:

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Other: ONLINE: EPODOC, WPI, JAPIO

Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Identity of document and relevant passage		Relevant to claims
Y	GB2274552A	AUTOMOTIVE - see capacitors C1,C2	1,2 at least
Y	GB2234757A	MABUSHI - example of metal -filled graphite forf brush applications	1,2 at least
Y	EP0078417A1	HITACHI - suppressing sparks from rectification	1,2 at least
Y	US4384223A	STACKPOLE - see capacitor 16	1,2 at least
Y	JP570196851A	MITSUBISHI - different +ve and -ve brush compositions	1,2 at least
Y	JP550068847A	MATSUSHITA - see capacitor 1	1,2 at least

X	Document indicating lack of novelty or inventive step	A	Document indicating technological background and/or state of the art.
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